

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FILE NO.: PP2022-4532

Project Title: Minor Modification to 221 Airport Boulevard Townhome Project

Project Location - Specific: 221 Airport Boulevard

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location-County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification with Environmental Review (PP2022-4532) to Special Use Permit with Design Review and Environmental Review (PP2016-52/App No. 601) to allow a change in exterior materials for a previously approved 49 unit townhome development project. Proposed modifications include exterior materials change from stucco to vertical board and batten siding for Buildings 1-8 (48 total townhome units). No exterior changes proposed to historic Roache School building.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Raeid Farhat, 221 Airport Boulevard LLC, 734 East Lake Avenue, Suite 9, Watsonville, CA 95076

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

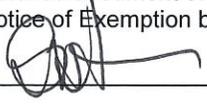
Reasons why project is exempt: This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption per Section 15301 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* as it involves minor alterations of an approved 49 unit townhome development project, with exterior material change proposed for 48 of the 49 townhome units. The exterior alterations are considered negligible with no expansion nor change in use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Suzi Merriam

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  **Date:** December 8, 2022 **Title:** CDD Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

Date Received for filing at OPR: